

Director of Pharmacy (Public Health)

Position Description:

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) is seeking a Director of Pharmacy to direct and oversee all pharmacy operations for the agency which covers 81 county health departments state-wide. The duties of this senior level position include planning, organizing, and directing pharmaceutical activities including extensive and varied large-scale distribution of drugs in a large institutional pharmacy setting and in serving as the highest-level administrative Pharmacist at the MSDH. The Director of Pharmacy has responsibility for the direction of a very large and complex pharmaceutical program subject only to the administrative direction of the State Health Officer and/or the agency's Chief Administrative Officer. The Director exercises complete independence in establishing pharmacy work procedures and methods within the framework of the policies of the MSDH and in accordance with state and federal laws. Daily work activities include constant staff-level contact with agency pharmacy and medical personnel, and with agency, state and federal officials for the purposes of coordinating pharmacy services that support public health initiatives for the residents of the state. The work also requires contact with Pharmacists from other agencies and institutions, and from the private sector. The Director serves as a consultant, confers with the State Health Officer, and makes recommendations concerning policy and changes in internal procedures and service coordination. General supervision is exercised over a staff of Pharmacists, Pharmacy Assistants, and other employees performing related work.

Minimum State Qualifications:

Graduation from an accredited school or college of pharmacy and five (5) years of experience as a Licensed Registered Pharmacist in good standing with no restrictions from the MS Board of Pharmacy, two (2) years of which must have been in a supervisory capacity and one (1) year of which must have been in an institutional setting.

Possession of a valid, unrestricted license to practice pharmacy in Mississippi and possession of a controlled substance license.

Desired Qualifications:

Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from an accredited college or university and seven (7) years or more experience as a Licensed Registered Pharmacist in good standing with no restrictions, five (5) years of which must have been in a supervisory capacity, and two (2) years of which must have been in an institutional setting.

Application Process:

Interested individuals should:

1. Send the letters of interest with salary requirements to:

Director of Human Resources
Mississippi State Department of Health
P. O. Box 1700
Jackson, MS 39215-1700

2. Attach a valid copy of his/her license as a Licensed Registered Pharmacist from the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy and verification of possession of a valid controlled substance license; and
3. Attach a complete career curriculum vitae.

All qualified candidates with recent relevant healthcare experience will have their applications considered. Applicants invited for interviews will also be required to complete an Official Mississippi State Government Employment Application, available by calling 601 576-7642.

The Mississippi State Department of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer